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### Abstract **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

An absorbent article, such as a disposable diaper or a sanitary napkin,  
includes a liquid permeable front sheet, a liquid impermeable back sheet, and a  
rectangular absorbent core between them. The absorbent core is divided into at  
least three parts by at least two passages, which extend between the front and  
back sheets through a center circle with a radius of 25 mm. The front and back  
sheets and the parts of the core are formed so that the passages each have a  
width of from 2 to 6 mm and a depth equal to a thickness of the core so that a  
depression is not observable along any passage from front or back of the article.  
The core is preferably divided into eight parts by three passages that intersect at  
a within the center circle. ~~in which discharged liquid can be penetrated and~~  
~~diffused quickly. A rectangular shaped flat absorbent core interposed between a~~  
~~front surface sheet and a back surface sheet comprises at least one ditch~~  
~~traversing a point within a circle with a radius of 25 mm from its plane center to~~  
~~the periphery of the flat absorbent core so as to divide the flat absorbent core into~~  
~~not less than two parts~~[[.]]